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In re Application of:

ENSINGER et al.

Application No.

10/814,587

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April 1, 2004

For:

RETAINING RING FOR HOLDING SEMICONDUCTOR WAFERS IN A CHEMICAL MECHANICAL

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Sir:	
	Small entity status is claimed for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.
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Respectfully sulprnitted,

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## REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated February 7, 2006, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. Applicants petition for a three month extension of time, extending the date for reply to and including August 7, 2006, and submits the requisite fee therefor.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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